



Trending Topics

Medicare and Medicaid Turn 50 July 30th

Washington Post (July 20, 2015)

America's landmark government health care programs, Medicare and Medicaid, celebrate 50 years on July 30th. Decades into operation, the future of these plans is still hotly debated in Washington, as policymakers wrangle over needed changes in their finances. Two major reforms are already underway. [Read more.](#)

NY Medicaid Enrollment Grows 1.1 Million from Health Exchange, Though State Cost Rising Slower

Star Tribune (7/19/2015)

New York State's \$22.5 billion share this year is flatter, up from \$21.3 billion five years ago, according to budget officials. They cite higher federal reimbursements and frugal measures like a self-imposed spending cap and pushing patients into managed care. [Read more.](#)

Why you should care about DSRIP?

Albany Business Review (7/7/2015)

The goals of New York's DSRIP program are laudable. If successful, the plan has the potential to save the state billions of dollars. But that's a big "if." [Read more.](#)

Aging in New York

Senior Health Official Leaves Cuomo for Albany Med

Capitol Confidential (7/9/2015)

One of the Cuomo Administration's top health care and Medicaid experts, Courtney Burke, is heading to Albany Medical Center where she will work as senior vice president and chief strategy officer. [Read more.](#)

Former SAGE Director Named Deputy Health Secretary

Times-Herald Record (7/21/2015)

New York gov. Andrew Cuomo has appointed Paul Francis as his Deputy Secretary for Health and Human Services. Francis, an attorney, was Cuomo's director of agency redesign early in his first term. [Read more.](#)

Aging-NY's Core Program Fact Sheets

Aging-NY (7/22/2015)

What percentage of older New Yorkers receive home delivered meals? How many more New Yorkers received health insurance information counseling and assistance through the HIICAP program in 2014 than for previous years? These questions and more have answers in the latest Association on Aging in New York Fact Sheets. [Click here](#) for

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the latest numbers for each of the office for aging core programs.

Aging Network Asks: Is it too Late to get Involved with DSRIP?

Aging-NY (7/21/2015)

During the opening session of the Aging Concerns Unite Us Conference (ACUU), Ann Monroe, President of the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, held the attention of everyone in the room who wanted to know: how can the aging services network be involved in the \$7.3 Billion reform of the state's health care delivery system, otherwise known as DSRIP (the Delivery System Reform Incentive Plan)? [Read more.](#)

Report Calls for Investment in 'Care Coordinators'

Times Union (7/23/2015)

New York State's healthcare environment is undergoing dramatic and much needed change, moving towards a system that places greater emphasis on community-based, prevention-focused care. For a recent report on the workforce issues related to the reform, [click here](#) for the report. [Click here](#) for TU news item and [click here](#) for a PowerPoint presentation on the report.

Stopping Elder Abuse Requires a Sustained Effort

Poughkeepsie Journal (7/4/2015)

Throughout her campaign and since taking office, Sue Serino, state senator representing the 41st district and chair of the Senate's Aging Committee, has heard from countless seniors who feel disenfranchised and out of the loop. [Read more.](#)

NY's Department of Health Expands Falls Prevention with New Grant

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (7/23/2015)

The National Falls Prevention Resource Center will work collaboratively with the aging services network, falls prevention grantees, and other stakeholders to increase public education about the risk of falls and how to prevent them, and to bolster the sustainability of local prevention efforts. [Read more.](#)



What's the No. 1 cause of death due to injury for older adults?

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Director Profile Series

New Director Andrea Montgomery Triples Transportation Services in St. Lawrence County

Aging-NY (July 2015)

What's the biggest challenge as the new Director of the St. Lawrence Office for the Aging? "Funding," according to Andrea Montgomery, who joined the office for the aging one year ago. "Our county is undergoing budget cuts. Trying to figure out how to provide quality services for people with less funding is a constant challenge." [Read more.](#)

Ruth Spink Takes on the Challenge of Leading the Genesee Office for Aging into the Future

Aging-NY (July 2015)

Aside from a couple of years when she served as Director of the Genesee County Adult Home/Dementia Unit, Ruth Spink has worked for the Genesee County Office for the Aging for 20-plus years, and for the first time in two decades she's witnessing something she's never

before seen - systemic change. [Read more.](#)

News from Around the State

Officials: Caregivers Need Care, Too

Press Republican (7/20/2015)

When it comes to assisting elderly loved ones, caregivers often find themselves in over their heads, according to experts. While most people are willingly providing care to someone they love, many say they didn't realize the scope of what they were taking on. That's where caregiver services come in. [Read more.](#)

Under-reported Abuse Given Higher Priority in New City Budget

Gotham Gazette (7/17/2015)

After more than a decade of abuse, she finally called for help. Dialing 311, the 80-year-old widow - who had remained silent for years as the granddaughter she had raised yelled and cursed at her, slapped her, and stole from her - reached out for help after the younger woman threatened to seriously injure her. [Read more.](#)

Elderly Residents in Binghamton Fear Losing Apartments

Tenants of a low-income housing apartment building in Binghamton -- mostly elderly and individuals with disabilities -- are afraid of being forced to move out. [Read more.](#)

Aging in the Nation



#WHCOA is Streamed Live with a Few Words from the President

Forbes (7/15/2015)

Six hours, 700 watch parties and thousands of Tweets later, what did we learn from the White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) held yesterday in Washington, D.C.? [Read more.](#)

Angela Bassett Aims To Increase Dialogue Surrounding Aging And Long-Term Care

Huffington Post (7/8/2015)

For actress Angela Bassett, her past experience serving as a caretaker for her mother and mother-in-law led the Golden Globe Award-winner to partner with long term care insurance company, Genworth to help push a national dialogue and educate Americans about planning for the care of an aging loved one. [Read more.](#)

To Lower The Cost Of Health Care, Invest In Social Services

Health Affairs Blog (7/13/2015)

How is it that an abundance of advanced medical care can deliver such disappointing results? The answer: not enough investment in social services. [Read more.](#)

Field Resources

[Association on Aging in New York/Aging NY](#)

[NY State Office for the Aging](#)

[Aging and Disability Resource Center, technical assistance \(ADRC\)](#)

[Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#)

[National Association of Area Agencies on Aging \(n4a\)](#)

Members Only

Leadership Institute Dates for AAA Members

Aging-NY (June 2015)

What is Leadership Institute? Leadership Institute is a two-day members only meeting of Directors/Commissioners who convene to address policy issues confronting AAAs, create the Association's legislative agenda for the year and engage in dialog with NYSOFA Director Corinda Crossdale and senior staff. [Click here](#) for more.

Don't Miss Member Section of the Website

Aging-NY (April 2015)

In an effort to track the development of the \$7.3 Billion reform of New York State's health care delivery system and the \$600 Million Balancing Incentive Program, as well as other NY health initiatives, check out Aging-NY's Resources page. And bookmark it to return to for updates. [Click here](#).

Board Elections

Aging-NY (July 23, 2015)

The Bylaws & Nominating Committee Co-Chairs Julie Allen Aldrich (Monroe) and Penny Shockley (Wayne) encourage AAA Directors to consider serving on the Board for a 2 year term beginning on January 2, 2016. Nominations forms due on August 14th.

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